

We work with a wide variety of schools in Detroit and the surrounding areas. Without E-rate funding, many, if not most, of these schools would be unable to afford the bandwidth required for today's new educational models, like blended learning. They would also be unable to complete the online assessments required by charter authorizers and the State of Michigan. I also believe that Priority 2 funding needs to remain part of the E-rate program. Again, many of the schools we work with can only afford to have modern technology infrastructure, which is just as essential as high speed internet, because of E-rate priority 2 funding. Finally, in order for Priority 2 funding to be effective, it must be awarded in a timely manner so that projects can be completed within the funding year they are awarded. When funding doesn't come though until a year or more later than planned, it compromises the ability to create and deliver on a technology plan.